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For: FABRICATION OF ALLOY VARIANT STRUCTURES USING DIRECT METAL DEPOSITION

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. The above-referenced application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/670,670, filed September 27, 2000. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of the listed references are not required. A copy of the first listed reference on the Form PTO-1449 sheet is enclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other possible material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a) exists.

Respectfully submitted,

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